

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FTX TRADING LTD., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)

(Jointly Administered)

Obj. Deadline: April 3, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. ET

**FIFTEENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF PERELLA WEINBERG PARTNERS
LP AS INVESTMENT BANKER TO THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION
FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD
FROM JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2024**

Name of Applicant	<i>Perella Weinberg Partners LP</i>
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession
Date of Retention:	<i>nunc pro tunc</i> to November 16, 2022
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024
Amount of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$3,225,941.84 ²
80% of Compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$2,670,753.47 ³
Amount of Expense Reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$1,263.21

This is a(n) **X** monthly ____ interim ____ final application. No prior application has been filed with respect to this Fee Period.

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² Represents the Monthly Fee of \$450,000 plus the Dave Sale Fee of \$1,775,000 and the IEX Sale Fee of \$1,000,941.84.

³ Represents 80% of the Dave Sale and IEX Sale Fees plus 100% of the Monthly Fee.

PRIOR MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS FILED

Date Filed	Period Covered	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Approved Fees	Approved Expenses
2/17/2023	Nov. 16 - Nov. 30, 2022	\$225,000	\$7,680.97	\$225,000	\$7,680.97
2/17/2023	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023	\$450,000	\$22,964.89	\$450,000	\$22,964.89
03/06/2023	Jan. 1 – Jan. 31, 2023	\$450,000	\$56,774.88	\$450,000	\$56,774.88
04/04/2023	Feb. 1 – Feb. 28, 2023	\$450,000	\$77,891.54	\$450,000	\$77,891.54
05/04/2023	Mar. 1 – Mar. 31, 2023	\$2,825,000	\$28,096.34	\$2,825,000	\$28,096.34
06/05/2023	Apr. 1 – Apr. 30, 2023	\$2,856,250	\$11,856.27	\$2,856,250	\$11,856.27
09/12/2023	May 1 – May 31, 2023	\$2,133,616.26	\$35,765.02	\$2,133,616.26	\$35,765.02
09/14/2023	June 1 – June 30, 2023	\$2,848,330.45	\$11,424.11	\$2,848,330.45	\$11,424.11
09/14/2023	July 1 – July 31, 2023	\$450,000	\$243,243.30	\$450,000	\$243,243.30
12/06/2023	August 1 – August 31, 2023	\$450,000	\$229,393.95	Pending	Pending
12/06/2023	Sept. 1 – Sept. 30, 2023	\$450,000	\$36,185.35	Pending	Pending
12/08/2023	Oct. 1 – Oct. 31, 2023	\$450,000	\$87,840.89	Pending	Pending
12/22/2023	Nov. 1 – Nov. 30, 2023	\$450,000	\$67,969.57	Pending	Pending
02/13/2024	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31, 2023	\$450,000	\$3,522.79	Pending	Pending

**SUMMARY OF BILLING BY PROFESSIONAL
JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2024**

Timekeeper Name	Position	Total Hours Billed
Bruce Mendelsohn	Partner	51.3
Kevin Cofsky	Partner	41
Michael Grace	Partner	.5
Timm Schipporeit	Partner	25.5
Partner Total		118.3
Ema Betts	Managing Director	48.5
Managing Director Total		48.5

Timekeeper Name	Position	Total Hours Billed
Matt Rahmani	Executive Director	83.5
Nathaniel Nussbaum	Executive Director	16
Executive Director Total		99.5
Geoff Posess	Director	22
Wasif Syed	Director	19.5
Director Total		41.5
Kendyl Flinn	Associate	123.5
Ryan Moon	Associate	33
Eduardo Ascoli	Associate	44
Associate Total		200.5
Emil Tu	Analyst	128.5
Jackson Darby	Analyst	94
Rohan Mekala	Analyst	7
Analyst Total		229.5
GRAND TOTAL		737.8

STATEMENT OF FEES BY PROJECT CATEGORY⁴
JANUARY 1, 2024 THROUGH AND INCLUDING JANUARY 31, 2024

Project Name	Hours
CORRESPONDENCE WITH DEBTOR ADVISORS AND PRINCIPALS	95.5
CORRESPONDENCE WITH CREDITORS, UCC, AND ADVISORS	65
CORRESPONDENCE WITH THIRD-PARTIES	49.5
DUE DILIGENCE AND RESTRUCTURING STRATEGY	289.3
SALE PROCESS MATTERS	190
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES AND ANALYSIS	48.5
TOTAL	737.8

⁴ The subject matter of certain time entries may be appropriate for more than one project category. In such instances, time entries generally have been included in the most appropriate category. Time entries do not appear in more than one category.

SUMMARY OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

Disbursement Summary		
Expense Category	Service Provider,⁵ if Applicable	Amount
Air / Train Travel	n/a	\$0
Late Night / Weekend Transportation	n/a	\$763.21
Travel to Meetings / Out of Town	n/a	\$0
Late Night / Weekend Meals	n/a	\$500.00
Travel Meals	n/a	\$0
Misc. Expenses (supplies, wifi, etc.)	n/a	\$0
TOTAL		\$1,263.21

⁵ Perella Weinberg Partners LP may use one or more service providers. The service providers identified herein are the primary service providers for the categories described.

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Perella Weinberg Partners LP (“PWP”), the Investment Banker to FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the “Debtors”), hereby submits this fifteenth monthly fee statement (this “Monthly Fee Statement”) for compensation for professional services rendered and expenses incurred for the period from January 1, 2024 through and including January 31, 2024 (the “Fee Period”). In support of the Monthly Fee Statement, PWP respectfully states as follows:

Background

1. On November 11 and November 14, 2022,² the Debtors filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) voluntary petitions for relief under title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.* (as amended or modified,

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² November 11, 2022 is the petition date for all Debtors, except for Debtor West Realm Shires Inc.

the “Bankruptcy Code”). The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Joint administration of the Debtors’ cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) was authorized by the Court by entry of an order on November 22, 2022 [D.I. 128]. On December 15, 2022, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the “U.S. Trustee”) appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code [D.I. 231].

2. On January 9, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [D.I. 435] (the “Interim Compensation Order”).

3. On February 3, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Perella Weinberg Partners LP as Investment Banker to the Debtors nunc pro tunc to November 16, 2022 and (II) Waiving Certain Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Local Rule 2016-2(H)* [D.I. 615] (the “Retention Order”).

4. On March 8, 2023, the Court entered the *Order (I) Appointing Fee Examiner and (II) Establishing Procedures for Consideration of Requested Fee Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses* [D.I. 834] appointing Katherine Stadler (the “Fee Examiner”) to serve as the fee examiner in these Chapter 11 Cases and establishing certain procedures in connection therewith.

Relief Requested

5. By this Monthly Fee Statement and in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order, PWP makes this application for (i) allowance of compensation as an administrative expense of the Debtors’ estates in the amount of \$3,225,941.84 for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered, (ii) payment of compensation in the amount of 100% of

the Monthly Fee (in the amount of \$450,000); (iii) payment of compensation in the amount of 80% of the Dave Sale Fee (in the amount of \$1,420,000) and the IEX Sale Fee (in the amount of \$800,753.47); and (iv) payment of \$1,263.21 for actual and necessary expenses incurred.

a. Compensation Requested

6. The services performed by PWP during the Fee Period included, among others, discussions with the Debtors and their professionals regarding asset sale processes, transaction structures, M&A processes, venture investments, and plan recoveries, discussions and implementation of diligence and vetting processes, preparation and attendance for board meetings, meetings with third parties regarding potential interest in the Debtors and estate assets, participation in various update and information meetings with the Debtors and their professionals, participation in various update and information meetings with Committee professionals, and development and implementation of various sales processes. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a detailed itemization, by project category, of all services performed by PWP with respect to the Chapter 11 Cases during the Fee Period.³ This detailed itemization complies with Local Rule 2016-2, as modified by the Retention Order, in that each time entry contains a separate time allotment, a description of the type of activity and the subject matter of the activity, all time is billed in half-hour increments, time entries are presented chronologically in categories, and all meetings or hearings are individually identified.

7. The timekeepers who rendered services related to each category are identified in Exhibit A, along with the number of hours for each individual and the total hours in each category. All services for which PWP requests compensation were performed for, or on

³ While Exhibit A provides a detailed itemization of the services performed during the Fee Period, the Dave Sale Fee and IEX Sale Fee result from services also provided in fee periods which are the subject of prior Monthly Fee Statements.

behalf of, the Debtors.

8. On January 4, 2024, the Debtors filed their *Motion of Debtors for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing and Approving Sale of Interests in IEX Group, Inc. Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances; (II) Authorizing and Approving Entry into, and Performance Under, the Purchase and Sale Agreement; and (III) Granting Related Relief* [D.I. 5381] (the “IEX Motion”) seeking to sell certain of the Debtors’ assets pursuant to the Purchase and Sale Agreement (as defined in the IEX Motion). On January 29, 2024, the Court entered the *Order (I) Authorizing and Approving Sale of Interests in IEX Group, Inc. Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances; (II) Authorizing and Approving Entry Into, and Performance Under, the Purchase and Sale Agreement; and (III) Granting Related Relief* [D.I. 6731] (the “IEX Order” and such sale being the “IEX Sale”). The IEX Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**.

9. On January 4, 2024, the Debtors filed their *Motion of Debtors for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing and Approving Sale of Note Issued by Dave, Inc. Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Interests, and Encumbrances; (II) Authorizing and Approving Entry Into, and Performance Under, the Purchase and Sale Agreement; and (III) Granting Related Relief* [D.I. 5382] (the “Dave Motion”) seeking to sell certain of the Debtors’ assets pursuant to the Agreement (as defined in the Dave Motion). On January 26, 2024, the Court entered the *Order (I) Authorizing and Approving Sale of Note Issued by Dave, Inc. Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances; (II) Authorizing and Approving Entry Into, and Performance Under, the Purchase and Sale Agreement; and (III) Granting Related Relief* [D.I. 6685] (the “Dave Order” and such sale being the “Dave Sale”). The Dave Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.

10. Pursuant to the Retention Order and Amended Engagement Agreement (as

defined in the Retention Order) attached thereto as Exhibit 1, upon approval of a transaction, PWP is entitled to a Sale Fee based on a percentage of the Transaction Value (each as defined in the Amended Engagement Agreement). With approval of the IEX Sale, PWP is entitled to a Sale Fee in the amount of \$1,000,941.84, which represents 2.5% of the \$40,037,673.50 Transaction Value of the IEX Sale (the “IEX Sale Fee”). With approval of the Dave Sale, PWP is entitled to a Sale Fee in the amount of \$1,775,000.00, which represents 2.5% of the \$71,000,000.00 Transaction Value of the Dave Sale (the “Dave Sale Fee”).

b. Expense Reimbursement

11. PWP incurred out-of-pocket expenses during the Fee Period in the amount of \$1,263.21. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a description of the expenses actually incurred by PWP in the performance of services rendered as Investment Banker to the Debtors. The expenses are broken down into categories of charges, which may include, among other things, the following charges: travel, working meals, and other expenses.

12. In accordance with section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, PWP seeks reimbursement only for the actual cost of such expenses to PWP. PWP submits that all such expenses incurred were customary, necessary and related to the Chapter 11 Cases and, by this Monthly Fee Statement, requests reimbursement of the same.

Valuation of Services

13. Professionals of PWP have expended a total of 737.8 hours in connection with this matter during the Fee Period.

14. The amount of time spent by each of the professionals providing services to the Debtors for the Fee Period is set forth in Exhibit A. Pursuant to the Retention Order and Amended Engagement Agreement attached thereto, PWP seeks payment of the Monthly Fee and

the Dave and IEX Sale Fees without any reference to whether PWP may be entitled to additional compensation under the Amended Engagement Agreement based on services provided during the Fee Period or the reasonableness of such total fees.

15. PWP believes that the time entries included in Exhibit A attached hereto and the expense breakdown set forth in Exhibits B and C attached hereto are in compliance with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2.

16. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Monthly Fee and the Dave and IEX Sale Fees requested are fair and reasonable given the complexities of these Chapter 11 Cases, the time expended, the nature and extent of services rendered, the value of such services, and the costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title. While PWP asserts that the Monthly Fee and the Dave and IEX Sale Fees are fair and reasonable under the standards of section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, PWP reserves the right to assert that additional compensation earned pursuant to the Amended Engagement Agreement is likewise reasonable notwithstanding that the work leading to such additional compensation may have been performed during the Fee Period.

Certificate of Compliance and Waiver

17. The undersigned representative of PWP certifies that he has reviewed the requirements of Local Rules 2016-2 and that the Monthly Fee Statement substantially complies with such rule. To the extent that the Monthly Fee Statement does not comply in all respects with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2, PWP believes that such deviations are not material and respectfully requests that any such requirements be waived.

Notice and No Prior Request

18. Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement has been given to the following

parties or, in lieu of, to their counsel, if known: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors; (c) the Fee Examiner and (d) all parties required to be given notice in the Interim Compensation Order. PWP submits that no other or further notice is necessary.

19. No prior request for the relief sought in this Monthly Fee Statement has been made to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE, PWP respectfully requests that the Bankruptcy Court (i) approve the Monthly Fee Statement and (ii) grant such further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully,

Perella Weinberg Partners LP

By: *Bruce Mendelsohn*
Bruce Mendelsohn
Title: Partner